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CITY HALL
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Dedicated July 10, 1929





Foreword

THE dedication of the new City Hall of Reading marks an important step in the march of the municipality's progress.

As the older structure, long since outgrown, gives place to a new seat of civic administration, incorporating every modern factor required for complete efficiency, it is fitting that public information relative to it should be inscribed on these pages.

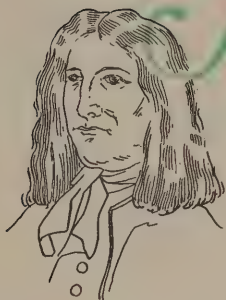
In the hope that a wider interest in civic affairs and a more comprehensive knowledge of our city's government may be generally promoted, this volume has been prepared for public distribution.

It is the sincere wish of the present administration that the creditable history of Reading, up until this time, may be overshadowed in accomplishments only by the years that are to follow.





Historical Sketch



THE DEDICATION of our new City Hall offers not only an opportune but a very appropriate time to give a brief history of our City and County. In 1748 Thomas Penn, son of William Penn, selected the site of Reading (Redding). In 1750 there was but one house in Reading, two years later there were 130 dwellings and 136 families numbering 378 persons. In 1752 the inhabitants of Reading petitioned the Assembly to erect part of the Counties of Philadelphia, Lancaster and Chester into a separate and new County to be named Berks, the seat of the Court of Justice of this new County to be fixed within the said town of Reading.

On March 11, 1752, the Assembly took favorable action and the new County was named Berks. On September 12, 1783, the town of Reading was incorporated into a borough. Its first Burgesses by appointment were Daniel Levan and William Scull, and Charles Biddle its first Burgess by election.

The original population were principally Germans, and the administration of public affairs was chiefly in the hands of the Friends (Quakers). By 1806 the population of Reading was 2,500, by 1830 it had increased to 5,631.

Not until March 16, 1847, was Reading incorporated as a City. Reading, at that time, had five wards, Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast and Spruce Ward, and boasted of a population of 14,000. Since then the City has had 31 Mayors, who have served terms of from one to six years.



Mayors of Reading

Since 1847

1847	PETER FILBERT	1879-80	HENRY A. TYSON
1848	WILLIAM H. KEIM	1881-84	WILLIAM G. ROWE
1849-52	GEORGE GETZ	1885-86	JAMES K. GETZ
1853	DANIEL R. CLYMER	1887-89	JAMES R. KENNEY
1854	JOHN S. RICHARDS	1890-92	THOMAS P. MERRITT
1855	WILLIAM M. BAIRD	1893-95	WILLIAM F. SHANAMAN
1856	JOEL B. WANNER	1896-98	JACOB WEIDEL
1857	A. JORDAN SWARTZ	1899-01	ADAM H. LEADER
1858-60	BENNEVILLE KEIM	1902-04	EDWARD YEAGER
1861-62	JOEL B. WANNER	1905-07	EDWIN R. GERBER
1863-64	JOSEPH S. HOYER	1908-11	WILLIAM RICK
1865-66	NATHAN M. EISENHOWER	1912-15	IRA W. STRATTON
1867-70	WILLIAM H. GERNAND	1916-19	EDWARD H. FILBERT
1871-72	SAMUEL C. MAYER	1920-23	JOHN K. STAUFFER
1873-78	CHARLES F. EVANS	1924-27	WILLIAM E. SHARMAN
1928-	J. HENRY STUMP		

The 175th Anniversary of the founding of Reading, Pa.
and the 150th Anniversary of the Reading Volunteer Fire Dept.
SEPT. 30th - OCT. 6th 1923





GEORGE W. SNYDER
COUNCILMAN
SUPT. DEPT. OF PARKS
AND PUBLIC PROPERTY



JAMES HUDSON MAURER
COUNCILMAN
SUPT. DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS
AND FINANCE



HON. J. HENRY STUMP
MAYOR



JACOB H. McCONNELL
COUNCILMAN
SUPT. DEPT. OF STREETS
AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS



WILLIAM J. SMITH
COUNCILMAN
SUPT. DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Our Present City Government

THERE are few people who really know anything about the City Corporation of which they are stockholders. Not many have the time or inclination to read or ponder over the conglomeration of figures that fill municipal reports which are issued annually by city officials.

On June 27, 1913, Governor Tener signed the Clark Commission Form of Government Act, which became operative December 1, 1913, and which at the same time abolished the old form of city governments for third-class cities.

The Commission Act under which our city government operates, provides for the election of a mayor and four city commissioners to serve four-year terms. These commissioners occupy dual positions, legislative and executive. The mayor has no veto power, but like the commissioners, has executive and legislative powers. As an executive, each commissioner is given a department by council.

The following is a list of the various city departments and the names of the present executives:



CORNER OF
COUNCIL CHAMBER



Department of
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bureau of Administration

HON. J. HENRY STUMP, *Mayor*

BERTHA M. BEYERLE, *Secretary*

Bureau of Police

WALTER S. SCHEARER, *Chief of Police* HAYES MCKINNEY, *Captain of Police*

HARRY BOWMAN AND JOHN LLOYD, *Lieutenants of Police*

FREDERICK MECHLER, *Executive Clerk*

13 Sergeants	2 Traffic Mechanics	3 Turnkeys
115 Patrolmen	4 Patrol Drivers	8 Detectives
1 Policewoman	4 Police Operators	

The total annual cost of the Police Department is \$274,740.00

Bureau of Civil Service

JESSE E. GEORGE *Chairman*

CHARLES F. SANDERS

DR. A. N. SEIDEL

GEORGE D. SNYDER, *Secretary*

The duty of the Civil Service Board is to examine applicants for positions in the Bureau of Police.

Each applicant must be between the ages of 21 and 35, not less than 5 feet 8 inches in height, a registered voter of the City of Reading. He must pass a mental test as to his knowledge of local affairs and conditions and knowledge of a policeman's duties, and a medical test showing him to be in proper physical condition.

All members of the Bureau of Police are protected by the Civil Service Law which in itself is an inducement to attract men of good character and intelligence.



The Civil Service Board for the Department of Engineering, Building Inspection and Electrical Department is composed of the following:

Members

DR. CHARLES P. HENRY WALTER F. BUSH
GEORGE D. SNYDER, *Secretary*

The duty of the Board is to examine all applicants for positions in the following Bureaus of the City:

Bureau of Building Inspection
Bureau of Engineering
Bureau of Electricity

The applicants for positions in these bureaus must all take technical examinations showing their fitness for the particular position for which they apply. Special technical examiners are engaged by the Board to conduct these examinations.

Bureau of City Clerk

City Clerk J. ARTHUR GLASSMOYER
Secretary ESTHER M. AUMAN

Bureau of Law

City Solicitor JOHN G. ROTHERMEL
Assistant City Solicitor DARLINGTON HOOPES
Law Clerk GEORGE MANDERBACH
Lien Clerk GEORGE B. BALMER
2 Clerks to Solicitor and Staff

Bureau of Weights and Measures

Inspector JOSEPH T. HAYES



INDEPENDENT BOARDS

Public Library

Statistical Summary—1928

Reading Public Library founded 1898.

Population served, 114,500.

Building represents an outlay of \$130,000.

Agencies

Main Library, Fifth and Franklin Streets.

Northwest Branch, 260 West Oley Street.

Southeast Branch, Perkiomen at Fifteenth.

Northeast Branch, Spring and Moss Streets.

Number of Volumes in Library, 60,877; Periodicals currently received, 115 titles,

166 copies; Total number of registered borrowers, 21,241.

Board of Trustees

HON. J. HENRY STUMP, *Mayor of City of Reading, Ex-Officio*

CHARLES H. HUNTER	1929	ALEXANDER F. SMITH	1933
JOHN J. KUTZ, ESQ.	1929	RAYMOND F. HOFSES	1933
J. WILMER FISHER, ESQ.	1930	GEORGE M. JONES	Reading Library
DR. DANIEL N. BERTOLETTE	1930	WILLIAM H. LUDEN	" "
CYRUS G. DERR	1931	JOHN B. STEVENS, ESQ.	" "
FRANK S. LIVINGOOD, ESQ.	1931	NATHANIEL FERGUSON	" "
LEVI W. MENGEL	1932	CHRISTIAN H. RUHL, ESQ.	" "
L. BIRCH WILSON	1932		

Officers

President, FRANK S. LIVINGOOD, ESQ.

Secretary-Treasurer, CHARLES H. HUNTER

Present Staff

Librarian, ALFRED D. KEATOR

Assistant Librarian, FLORENCE HERGESHEIMER

17 Assistants



City Planning Commission

Members

A. H. KRETZ

FREDERICK WILLSON

EDWARD H. KNERR

CHARLES H. MUHLENBERG

CLINTON F. EARL

Officers

President, A. H. KRETZ

Secretary, GEORGE D. SNYDER

Engineer, EMIL L. NUEBLING

The City Planning Commission was created by Act of the Legislature in 1913. It is a separate executive department of the city government and its function is to provide for the orderly and proper growth of the city by seeing that all new building developments provide streets of proper width that connect with present City streets and in accordance with a comprehensive plan of a City as a whole. Another important function of the Commission is to pass upon all ordinances introduced into City Council making changes in the topographical survey, to the location of public buildings, bridges, tunnels, subways, etc. The disapproval of the Commission does not operate as a veto of these ordinances, but is for the guidance and information of council.

The City Planning Commission has jurisdiction of all plots of land laid out in building lots in the territory extending three miles beyond the City limits in all directions. The Commission has recently compiled a master map showing the entire jurisdiction of the Commission and the many subdivisions of lot developments included within that jurisdiction.

The City Planning Commission has adopted certain rules and regulations governing its procedure. In the adoption of its rules and regulations it has aimed to improve the character of lot developments, to look after the interest of the lot purchaser and provide for proper future housing conditions with adequate park and playground facilities.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION

Board of Recreation

DR. MARGARET HASSLER

President

MRS. JOHN C. SELTZER

Vice-President

EDWIN L. HETTINGER

GEORGE D. SNYDER

DAVID J. BREEN

Staff

THOMAS W. LANTZ

Superintendent Public Playgrounds and Recreation

MARY J. BREEN

Assistant Director of Activities, Secretary of Board

SUE KIRKHOFF

Office Manager

MADOLYN HOYER

Stenographer (part time)

SUMMER STAFF—1929

Supervisors

RUTH E. HINTZ

Supervisor Girls' Activities

G. CLIFFORD SINGLEY

Supervisor Boys' Activities

CLAUDE R. BUCK

Supervisor Handcraft

EDWIN M. MILLER

*Construction and Maintenance*C. ROBERT BUCK, *in charge of Warehouse and Supplies*

Play Leaders

Mrs. Morton Katz	Traveling Play Leader	Paul Landis	Northmont
Elizabeth Kelly	Traveling Play Leader	Grace Fridinger	Oakbrook
Marvin Schmehl	Bingaman Bridge	L. Archie Lutz	Oakbrook
M. Evelyn Hursh	Bingaman Bridge	Joseph E. Devine	Pendora
Mary E. Honsberger	City Park	Catherine Allwein	Pendora
Emma Peck	City Park	Carolyn Flatt	Pendora
E. Geier Freehafer	City Park	Catherine Rhodes	Penn Bridge
Hazel Hill	15th and Perkiomen	Herbert Kaplan	Penn Bridge
Catherine Miller	5th and Spring	Herbert A. Hearne	Penn Bridge
Warren Templin	15th Ward	Grace A. Rosenberger	Penn Bridge
Frances Rex Brand	15th Ward	Anna M. Phillips	Reading Iron
Ethelbert Wanner	14th and Buttonwood	George A. Rusnock	Reading Iron
Edith Mae Hanna	14th and Buttonwood	Buelah Wanner	Reading Iron
Frances Broderick	Glenside	Samuel Kramer	Riverside
Helen McSparren	Junior League	Bernita Strebig	Riverside
Miriam Klopp	Millmont	Max Landis	Sixth and Amity
Peter Forliano	Millmont	Ann E. Heere	Sixth and Amity
Anna Kowalska	Northeast	Mary Jane Rambo	16th and Haak
Haidee Wilson	Northeast	Miriam Mendelsohn	10th and Chestnut
William Yeager	Northeast	Elizabeth Leiby	Lance Place
Mrs. Eva Miller Mosser	Northmont	Mary Moll	Mineral Springs



The Department of Public Playgrounds and Recreation administers Reading's adult recreational programs and children's playground activities. It has jurisdiction over the 3 city-owned playgrounds, 5 play sites loaned by the Park and Water Boards, and playgrounds, gymnasiums, and athletic fields loaned by the School Board.

The summer staff includes 6 supervisors, 2 travelling play leaders, 40 play directors, and 10 substitutes. The playground attendance for the summer of 1928, according to the daily count made by the play leaders, was 219,301 children and adults.

The program for adults, which the Board stressed as its particular objective for the year 1929, includes basketball, baseball and quiting leagues, track and field and swimming meets, a municipal Hallowe'en, Christmas and Mother's Day celebration, and a weekly Community Dance. A statistical report of participants in the programs held since January follow:

Mother's Day.....	2,500 in attendance
23 Community Dances.....	11,357 in attendance
Baseball.....	4 leagues, 26 teams, 412 players
Basketball.....	3 leagues, 18 teams, 170 players

The Department maintains for the use of the public, a Party Consultant Service; Holiday Bulletin Service; an Information Bureau on Amateur Dramatics, on the planning, construction and layout of back yard playgrounds, swimming pools, and tennis courts; and a Loan Service of Party and Picnic Kits, and books on games, stunts, and recreation generally.

For the Fall of 1929, the Department plans an elaborate extension of Adult Recreation, and the inauguration of a program of recreational activities for women and working girls.



MAYOR'S OFFICE



Department of
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

Bureau of Administration

JAMES HUDSON MAURER, *Superintendent*
KATHRYN R. GATES, *Secretary*

Bureau of Tax Assessment

City Assessor, MILTON E. BORTZ *Assistant City Assessor*, JOHN KOCH
3 Transfer Clerks 1 Stenographer

Bureau of Revenue Control

Control Clerk, GEORGE D. SNYDER 6 Assistant Control Clerks

Bureau of Treasury

City Treasurer, CHARLES H. KERSHNER *Chief Clerk*, LEWIS N. LOWE
2 Assistant Clerks

Bureau of Accounts

City Controller, WALTER R. HOLLINGER. *City Accountant*, JOSEPH A. BRAUN
3 Clerks



MILTON E. BORTZ
City Assessor



CHARLES H. KERSHNER
City Treasurer



WALTER R. HOLLINGER
City Controller



Bureau of Supplies

Purchasing Agent, L. BIRCH WILSON

1 Stenographer

Bureau of Municipal Machine Shop

Supervisor, CHARLES F. SANDS

7 Machinists

Bureau of Paved Street Cleaning

Superintendent, MILES WILLIAMS

Operator of Sweeper, CHARLES BRAHM

Operator of Flusher, FREDERICK MAURER

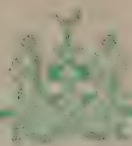
Operator of Truck, WILLIAM WARREN

18 Street Sweepers

Forty miles of paved streets and about 80 miles of macadam and
unimproved streets.



PANEL IN HISTORIC WINDOW
READING CITY HALL
MOTHAERHOOD



Department of STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Bureau of Administration

JACOB H. McCONNELL, *Superintendent*

LEROY H. FREESE, *Secretary*

City Engineer, E. CLINTON WEBER

Asst. City Engineer, HARRY L. BEGGS

Clerk to City Engineer, ROBERT B. O'BOYLE

2 Draughtsmen

5 Transitmen

6 Rodmen

4 Highway Inspectors

Registry Clerk

CALEB WEIDNER

1 Asst. Registry Clerk

Permit and Sewer Clerk

SAMUEL A. L. GENSEMER

General Foreman

JAMES HOWE

1 Paver

12 Laborers

District No. 1

Foreman, P. W. McDONOUGH

1 Truck Driver

1 Paver

10 Laborers

District No. 2

Foreman, A. G. SALLADE

1 Truck Driver

1 Paver

8 Laborers

District No. 3

Foreman, A. J. FITTERLING

1 Truck Driver

1 Rollerman

8 Laborers

District No. 4

Foreman, H. H. SCHMECK

1 Truck Driver

1 Paver

15 Laborers



E. CLINTON WEBER
City Engineer

***Roller Engineer and Asphalt Foreman***

CHARLES CHIARELLI

1 Asst. Foreman	2 Rakers
2 Tampers	3 Roller Engineers
2 Smoothers	10 Asphalt Repairers
5 Laborers	1 Watchman

Asphalt Plant Supervisor

GEORGE R. GREGORY

1 Mechanic	1 Fireman
1 Conveyor Man	2 Mixermen
1 Cold Patch Man	9 Laborers
2 Watchmen	

Foreman Sewer Department

THOMAS C. BAUSER

2 Sewer Repairmen
8 Caulker Helpers

***Chief Engineer,
Sewerage Pumping Station***

WILLIAM J. MORRIS

2 Assistant Engineers	3 Pitmen
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Foreman, Sewerage Disposal Plant

JOHN B. LAFFERTY

3 Filter Tenders	1 Laborer
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Chief Truck Operator

THOMAS A. ROBERTS

1 Truck Driver

Comfort Station

5th and Penn Streets

4 Caretakers

INFORMATION BOOTH AND
ENTRANCE TO AUDITORIUM



Department of PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Administration

WILLIAM J. SMITH, *Superintendent*

MARIE E. STONER, *Secretary*

Bureau of Fire

Chief

Assistant Chief

Assistant Chief

JOHN G. NIETHAMMER

EDWARD O'BRIEN

WILLIAM H. STROUSE

FIRE COMPANIES

Rainbow Fire Company

Instituted March 17, 1773

Drivers: Herman Perchonic, George Little, Wm. Bixler, Harry Cleaver

Junior Fire Company (Ambulance)

Instituted December 2, 1813

Drivers: Henry A. VanReed, Adam Miller, Irvin Kramer, Edward Reif-snyder, Harry Nagle, Chas. Bowers

Reading Hose Fire Company

Instituted July 14, 1819

(Ambulance)

Drivers: John W. Kreider, Stanley M. Raezer, Daniel M. Raudenbush, W. Seibert, Jr., Robert L. Ehrgood, Frank J. Sedlack

Neversink Fire Company

Instituted April 14, 1829

Drivers: Charles Weitzel, Clarence Ramsey, Daniel Lengel, J. Harvey Miller

Friendship Fire Company

Instituted March 4, 1848

Drivers: Howard Grove, John A. Adams, Harold D. Ditlow, Paul E. Hafer

Liberty Fire Company

Instituted January 21, 1854

Drivers: Howard Marsh, William Meiram, Irvin Rathman, Paul Wagner

Washington Fire Company

Instituted September 17, 1855

Drivers: John Miller, Wm. Weldy, Warren Berg, Harry Brown
Tillermen: Harry Ruth, Henry Grund, Jr.

Keystone Fire Company

Instituted January 19, 1856

Drivers: Wm. George, David Duffy, George Ream, Floyd Simon
Tillermen: Harry Focht, Harry Bear

Hampden Fire Company

Instituted September, 1867

Drivers: Edward Dell, Fred Dep-pen, Harry Zieber, Herbert Bush

Marion Fire Company

Instituted 1881

Drivers: Howard Rapp, Calvin Trievel, Harry Borrell, Wm. Good-hart

Tillermen: Howard Graul, Leroy Harbach

Riverside Fire Company

Instituted January 6, 1890

Drivers: Paul Mogel, Edward Smith

Schuylkill Fire Company

Instituted February 2, 1892

Drivers: E. W. Kissinger, Arthur DeLong, John I. Abel, Fred R. Steinle

Union Fire Company

Instituted March 18, 1898

Drivers: Elmer Foreman, Stanley Bechtel

Oakbrook Fire Company

Instituted 1905

Drivers: James Hampton, Harry Steffy

**Bureau of Building Inspection***Inspector, ANDREW J. GROVE**Assistant Inspectors: ARTHUR F. BRUNNER AND GEORGE W. KLINE***Bureau of Electricity***Chief, THOMAS R. LAWRENCE**Linemen: JOHN RINKER AND THOMAS H. McDEVITT***Bureau of Health***Health Officer: DR. IRA J. HAIN**Clerk, LINN W. BARR**Scavenger, JAMES E. DAUTRICH***Inspection of Food***Inspector, EARL E. ROMBERGER, V. M. D.**Assistant Inspector, H. H. COLLINS, V. S.**Lay Meat Inspector, CHARLES A. WAGNER***Child Welfare and Care of Indigent Sick***Superintendent MRS. ANNA R. BARLOW, R. N.**Maternity Nurse MISS MARY M. RUTH, R. N.**Clerk MISS SARA LUTZ**Nurses: Miss Maude Neiman, Miss Estelle Dry, Miss Maud Kains, Miss Josephine Peirce, Miss Stella Ditzler, Miss Caroline Miller, Mrs. Emma Reist, Mrs.**Maud Tollett, Miss Anna Starr, Miss Miriam Weyant, Miss**Martha Adam, Miss Catherine Berkheimer**Physicians: Dr. Sydney Sondheim, Dr. George Overholser, Dr. Margaret Hassler, Dr. W. J. Yutske, Dr. Thom. Erdman, Dr. Morris Cahn, Dr. W. W.**Becker, Dr. Kenneth P. Lanz, Dr. Sarah Worob***Sanitary Inspection***Chemist, PAUL P. MERKEL**Assistant Chemist, MARK S. TAYLOR**Sanitary Inspectors: ALVIN S. SCHROEDER, E. C. ACHENBACH, EVERETT C. ROTE**Nurse, LILLIAN M. PETER***Plumbing Inspection***Plumbing Inspector, LEROY H. SMITH**Assistant Plumbing Inspector, ELMER J. CAKE**Assistant Plumbing Inspector, CHARLES W. BARBOUR***Bureau of Refuse Disposal***Foreman, SALEN J. BOCK**Inspectors: ZEBULON E. BARKALOW AND WILLIAM L. BEARD**10 Employees*



Department of PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

Bureau of Administration

GEORGE W. SNYDER, *Superintendent*

NELLIE L. HORST, *Secretary*

Bureau of Public Buildings and Offices

1 Custodian	3 Janitors	1 Relief Operator
1 Elevator Operator	3 Janitress	1 Information Clerk
	2 Telephone Operators	

Bureau of Parks

Engineer in Charge, WILLIAM I. HOCH

Gardener, ROBERT PEIRCE

5 *Gardener's Helpers*

Labor Foreman, JOSEPH KERN

18 Laborers

1 Driver and Garageman

Comfort Station, 4 Caretakers

Park Guards

3 All-Year Guards

2 Watchmen at Pagoda, all year

1 Motorcycle Guard, all year

5 Eight-Month Guards

1 Eight-Month Watchman at Pagoda

Our City Parks cover an area of over 600 acres. In addition, the City owns 2,487 acres of water shed and about 3,500 acres of mountain land.



DAM BREAST AT LAKE ONTELAUNEE



Bureau of Water

The following statistical information pertaining to the Bureau of Water, together with the employment force for the operation of the same, will, we believe, be of great interest to the reader:

Total Amount of Water Furnished During 1928.... 5,208,367,633 gals.

Maidencreek	64.67%.....	9,202,633	"	Daily av.
Antietam	17.32%.....	2,465,260	"	" "
Bernhart	14.31%.....	2,035,686	"	" "
Egelman	2.64%.....	376,315	"	" "
Hampden Springs and Drift....	1.06%.....	150,918	"	" "

Total Consumption of Water During 1928..... 5,213,657,018 gals.

Daily Average	14,244,964	"
Per Capita Consumption.....	114.0	"

The present sources of supply can furnish a total of 19,000,000 gallons per day.

The impounding reservoirs, when full, will hold 149,990,000 gallons exclusive of Lake Ontelaunee, which at its present overflow will store 4,000,000,000 gallons.

The storage reservoirs and stand pipes will hold 36,043,000 gallons.

Financial Report

Total Cost of Plant to January, 1929.....	\$ 7,712,246.78
Present Replacement Cost Estimated at.....	13,000,000.00
Bonded Debt	1,020,000.00
Sinking Fund Value.....	51,766.52
Net Debt	Jan. 1, 1929 968,233.48
Expended for Improvement, 1928.....	504,938.78
Expended for Management and Repairs, 1928.....	255,327.48
Total Revenues from Consumers and Misc. Sources...	53,764.79

To this total revenue should be added the free service rendered hospitals, charitable organizations, Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. and twenty other organizations of a similar nature, all receive their water supply for nothing, besides all our public and parochial schools, fire engine houses, City Hall, 1365 fire hydrants, drinking fountains, park display fountains, comfort stations, street flusher, etc. If this used water were all paid for, the annual bill for this service would exceed \$60,000.

The cost of pumping water per million gallons pumped, figured on pumping station expenses, was \$11.28. The total cost of furnishing water per million gallons, figured on total maintenance, including interest on bonds, was \$59.06.

The services are 100 per cent. metered with 26,227 meters in use at beginning of year, and the rate to consumers is 12 cents per 100 cubic feet, plus a monthly readiness-to-serve charge of from 50 cents on a 1½" to \$4.00 on an 8" meter.



WORKING FORCE IN CHARGE OF MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF WATER BUREAU

General Operation of Plant

Anthony R. O'Reilly, Chief Engineer
Harry K. Brown, Assistant

Engineering Force

Francis A. Heine, Construction Engineer; 2 Assistants
F. Fred Witman, Maintenance Engineer; 1 Assistant

Laboratory Work

Walter Strockbine, Chemist
1 Assistant

Accounting

Fred Printz, Jr., Accountant
Bookkeeper, and Record Clerk

Shop Force

Harry Hartman, Shop Foreman
1 Clerk, 1 Blacksmith, 1 Tapper, 1
Meter Repairman, 5 Helpers

Inspection Work

Thomas Devine, Chief Inspector
2 Inspectors, 5 Meter Readers

Maidencreek Pumping Station

Irvin Alspach, Chief Engineer
2 Assistant Steam Engineers, 4 Oilers,
3 Firemen, 6 Laborers

High Service Pumping Stations, No. 1 and No. 2

1 Engineer

Filter Plants

Maidencreek—John Buckley, Filter
Keeper; 12 Laborers
Antietam—Harry J. Beaver, Filter
Keeper; 6 Laborers
Bernhart—George C. Longacre, Filter
Keeper; 8 Laborers
Egelman—Reuben Sallade, Filter
Keeper; 4 Laborers

Storage Reservoirs

7 Reservoir Patrolmen—Hampden, 3;
Buttonwood St., 2; Penn St., 2

Impounding Reservoirs

4 Caretakers—Lake Ontelaunee, F. W.
Bonner; Antietam, James Bixler;
1 at Bernhart (also operates filters);
1 at Egelman (also operates filters)

Planting and Care of Forests on Watershed

Herman A. Strohecker, Forester
18 to 30 Helpers

Distribution System and Field Force

Philip Bixler, General Foreman
7 Gang Foremen, 3 Painters, 50 to 150
Laborers



A. R. O'REILLY
Engineer, Bureau of Water



Summary

THIS very brief description of our various City Governmental Departments will, at least, give the reader some idea of the Municipal Government of which he or she is a part.

There are on the city payroll the year 'round an average of 825 people, to whom was paid last year salaries and wages amounting to \$956,940.00.

This does not include the employees of the various fire departments, nor does it take into consideration the services rendered by the 25 citizens who serve on Boards and Commissions without pay.

City Assets

Present replacement estimated cost of water system...	\$13,000,000.00
Total cost of 170 miles of house sewers.....	1,747,445.00
Total cost of 40 miles of storm sewers.....	2,100,000.00
Replacement cost of paved streets.....	4,200,000.00
Assessed value of 12 fire engine houses.....	361,000.00
Book value of 15 fire pumping engines, 6 combination wagons, and 3 hook and ladder trucks.....	230,000.00
Asphalt plant	70,000.00
57 automobiles and trucks.....	75,000.00
6 road rollers and other highway machinery.....	65,000.00
Machine shop tools and equipment.....	30,000.00
House sewer pumping station and filter beds, including present improvements and additions.....	1,100,000.00
Miscellaneous highway equipment.....	20,000.00
Garbage disposal plant and land.....	100,000.00
Assessed value of park, mountain land and buildings (not including any part of water shed land).....	1,974,922.00
Comfort station (Fifth and Penn Streets).....	50,000.00
Old City Hall	95,000.00
New City Hall	750,000.00
Furniture and office equipment.....	35,000.00
Fire alarm system.....	195,000.00
Sweeper and Flusher.....	12,500.00
Total property value.....	\$26,210,867.00
Total bonded indebtedness.....	5,015,361.00
Value above bonded debt.....	\$21,195,506.00

While the above figures give a fair estimate of the value of City property, it does not tell the whole story. Although due allowance has been made for depreciation of City owned property and equipment, no allowance has been made in these estimates for the increase of the City's 6,587 acres of land values.



WHAT DOES THE TAX PAYER GET FOR HIS DOLLAR--CITY TAX

Averaging five to a family, and assuming that the family pays \$50.00 a year City tax in accordance with the 1929 budget, the head of the family for this sum pays, on the basis of a monthly rate for eight municipally furnished services and utilities, the following:

	Cost per month to \$50.00 a year taxpayer
(1) Police	\$.44
(2) Fire Protection	.25
(3) Garbage Removal	.17
(4) Street Lighting	.16
(5) Sewers Maintenance, Pumping and Purification.	.14
(6) Highway Maintenance	.35
(7) Cleaning Paved Streets.....	.06
(8) Parks and Recreation.....	.14
Total cost per month.....	\$1.71

In other words, for these eight municipally furnished services and utilities, the \$50.00 a year City taxpayer pays \$1.71 a month or \$20.52 a year.

Comparing this public service rendered and its cost to what the taxpayer pays to privately owned public service corporations and individuals, we have:

	Cost per month
(1) Removal of ashes.....	\$.20
(2) Five tons of coal per year at \$10.00 a ton.....	4.17
(3) Gas	2.25
(4) Electric Power	2.00
(5) Theatre, four attendances a month.....	2.00
(6) Telephone	2.50
(7) Insurance	2.50
(8) Trolley fare for family of five—four rides a day	7.00
Total	\$22.62

The expense of operating the automobile 300 days a year and five miles a day at 7 cents per mile will cost per month \$8.75. Compare this cost to the municipally furnished filter water that the whole family uses every day in the year at an average cost of \$1.25 a month.



AIRPLANE VIEW OF THE CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, LOOK





An Appreciation

WHEN the administration's plan to purchase and remodel the Boys' High School Building became an actuality, the Hon. James Hudson Maurer volunteered his services as Supervising Construction Engineer. As a consequence of his tireless energy and unceasing efforts, the City of Reading possesses a municipal structure that the citizens may point to with justifiable pride.

It is fitting, therefore, that his colleagues, in behalf of the citizens of Reading, thus publicly express their deepest appreciation for the faithful and unselfish labors of Mr. Maurer for his part in the completion of what critics declare to be an outstanding example of municipal building construction.

J. HENRY STUMP

JACOB H. McCONNELL

GEORGE W. SNYDER



Reading's New City Hall

THE dedication of the new City Hall brings to completion a task of great magnitude. The building as it now stands represents the co-operative enterprise of common laborers and skilled craftsmen.

By their efforts crude raw materials were combined with delicate glass and marble to bring to the finished structure the touches of dignity and beauty which rightfully distinguish it as a fitting seat of government for Reading's 120,000 citizens.

The new City Hall replaces the old one at Fifth and Franklin Streets, which for many years was known to be inadequate for the City's needs. In 1925 the voters by referendum decided upon a \$750,000 bond issue for the purpose of securing a site and erecting a new building. For some reason no action was taken until 1928, at which time the present City Council bought the old High School for Boys at a cost of \$510,000.

The building, which at the time vacated housed some 800 students, was built by Seidel & Fink, Contractors, in 1904, and was designed by Davis & Davis, Architects, of Philadelphia. It has a 210 foot frontage on Washington Street, reaching from Eighth to Cedar, and extends north 102 feet. At the rear of the building is a ten-foot driveway. The new Hall is more than three times as large as the old one, and contains 67,000 square feet of floor space as compared with the 22,200 square feet of the one vacated. This footage in the latter building included the annex and garage added a few years ago. The \$510,000 paid the School District by the City is being



used to erect two new buildings, one at 13th and Union, the other at Chestnut and Carpenter Streets. The remaining \$240,000 was used by the City to make the necessary alterations.

Structurally, the exterior of the building remains unchanged. The unbroken lines, the imposing granite facade, the heavy attached columns and ornamental pediment which surmounts the main entrance, the terra-cotta cornice which tops the buff brickwork of the second and third stories, all give that feeling of strength and solidity needed in a building of this type. The structure is thoroughly fireproof. The floors are of reinforced concrete, and all walls and partitions are of either brick, stone or tile. Including the fire escapes, there are sixteen exits from the building, four on the first floor excluding those on Cedar and Washington Streets, four in the basement, two on the second, and two on the third. In addition, there are six 2½" fire hydrants and twelve 2½-gallon fire extinguishers distributed throughout the building. The twelve vaults are fireproof. They cover a floor space of 1,636 square feet and contain 18,392 cubic feet, while those in the old City Hall covered but 286 square feet and contained but 2,942 cubic feet.

The main entrance to the building leads up a broad flight of granite steps, past heavy wrought iron gates, into two large vestibules, and then on into the lobby and main hall. Just beyond the entrance is



LUThERAN SCHOOL HOUSE 1754
SOUTHWEST CORNER
13TH AND WASHINGTON STREETS



the large, well ventilated Auditorium, seating 1,000 people, and covering a floor space of 6,000 square feet. Like the rest of the building, the Auditorium has been made fireproof throughout.

From it lead five exits, three large double doors, one opening into a 15-foot-wide corridor on the south side, one opening into a 9-foot corridor on the east, and one leading to two iron stairways on the stairways on the north. In addition the Auditorium, corridors, and exits have been equipped with an auxiliary lighting system, which is turned on automatically the instant anything goes wrong with the regular one.

To the right of the Auditorium is the information booth of gleaming white Alabama marble, with the bronze doored entrance to the elevator just ahead. To the east are the offices of the Playground and Recreation Department, Purchasing Agent, Captain and Lieutenants of Police, Chief of Police, Desk Sergeant, Detective Bureau, Court Room No. 2, Lavatory, and stairway to the basement.

To the west of the Auditorium entrance is the large iron stairway, with Alabama marble wainscoting, gray Tennessee marble stair treads, and wrought iron railing. Beyond the stairway, on the south side of the corridor, are the communicating offices of the Treasurer and of the Revenue Control. Beautiful, modern, adequately equipped, these two offices, with their terrazzo flooring, and their counters of white marble with grille tops of Belgium black marble and bronze, are the rival of those of any up-to-date banking institution in the city.

Adjacent are those of the City Assessor and Building Inspector. Between the offices of the Building Inspector and of Revenue Control is a store room containing 1,330 square feet of floor space.

All corridors on this floor are of varicolored terrazzo, laid in formal designs with narrow brass dividing strips, and are wainscoted in white marble to a height of seven feet.



SECOND FLOOR

On the second floor, the first room toward the west end of the corridor, is the Council Chamber, one of the show places of the building. It is 38 feet in width, 60 feet in length and has a 28-foot ceiling. This ceiling is ornamented in decorative detail, and is artistically shaded. The upper walls, also of plaster in a panel design, are delicately tinted and are set off to advantage by the wood panelling of the lower walls. The furniture, consisting as it does of mahogany tables, and walnut, leather covered chairs and benches, harmonizes with the general artistic atmosphere of the room, and produces just the background necessary to fittingly display the historical windows in this chamber.

HISTORICAL WINDOWS

The series of windows installed in the Council Chamber comprises an unusually interesting group of historical illustrations. The large window in the north end of the Chamber is twenty feet wide by twenty-two feet high. This large area is divided into twenty-six smaller lights, many of which are pivoted to provide ventilation.

About six months elapsed from the time that the window was first considered, until its final completion. The first step was to make a water color sketch drawn to a scale of one-half inch to the foot. The series of subjects suggested by the designer was then referred



CONRAD WEISER/ TORI
1750
FIG 71 TORI IN READING



to Mr. J. Bennett Nolan and the Berks County Historical Society for criticism and confirmation of historical data. The society furnished photographs of many of their old portraits and engravings of historical buildings.

There are in all fourteen pictorial panels. In the center panel at the top of the window is the City Coat of Arms. This is on a very large scale, being the dominant feature of the window. The shield is divided into three parts; the central portion being a gold band bearing the arms of the Penn family, the Founders of the City.

The upper portion of the shield on a black ground, represents a bee-hive, indicating that the city is a busy manufacturing center. In the lower portion of the shield, also on a black ground, is a salamander in the midst of a flame, showing that the prosperity of the city is principally dependent upon the furnaces and fires in which the metals are worked. Above the shield is a mural crown signifying Reading's status as a city and above that, the staff of Mercury, representing constant activity. Supporting the shield on either side are figures of Thor and Vulcan, emblematic of Labor upon which the progress of the city rests. On the right side of the City Arms is represented the Arms of the United States, and on the left, the earliest form of the Arms of the State of Pennsylvania. This carries out the idea that the city is part of the State, and the State a part of the nation.

The next lower series of pictures represent three of the most prominent citizens of Reading. First, Thomas Penn, son of William Penn, who selected the site of Reading in 1748. Behind him on the wall is found a map of the city as originally surveyed. Second, Charles Biddle, first Burgess of the City, elected in 1784. No pictorial history of Reading would be complete without Col. Conrad Weiser, 1696-1760, who is given the title, Pioneer, Judge and Interpreter.



The next lower tier of panels represents five landscape views of Reading in its earliest days. The subjects are as follows:

Ferry at Penn Street Ford, established 1783.

Old Trinity Church, founded in 1751.

The first Court House at Penn and Callowhill (now Fifth St.).

This Court House was built in 1762 and the picture is taken from an old print.

The first Friend's Meeting House, built 1765, a rough building, built of logs, reproduced from an early engraving.

Next is shown the Covered Bridge at the foot of Penn Street, built in 1815.

The lowest tier of panels is exceptionally interesting. In the center is shown the Town Watchman of the Revolutionary Period. In the background is represented the community pump, which is the forerunner of the present elaborate water system.

It was desired to pay an especial tribute to the women of the community, whose work is so often overlooked because of the quiet way in which it is performed. The two greatest phases are illustrated. First, Motherhood, and second, The Teacher. The mother shown is of the period of the Colonial Pioneers. She is shown going about her household duties, by the large kitchen fireplace; the child in the cradle by her side. The inscription below this panel is as follows: "Dedicated to the Mothers of Reading."



PANEL IN HISTORIC WINDOW
READING CITY HALL
THE CONE/TOOGA WAGON



The teacher represents a little later period, about 1830, when the schools of Reading were established on a sound basis. The group of school children in the picturesque costume of that time is very charmingly represented. The inscription of this panel is: "Dedicated to the Teachers of Reading."

In the upper portion of the east side of the Chamber is a group of five small windows. The subject of these windows is Five Stages of Transportation. Transportation has always been vital to the City and it practically determined its growth, and it was considered very appropriate to portray these different phases. First is shown the Indian Drag, used by the First Americans before the coming of the White Settlers. Next is shown the Conestoga Wagon which carried the pioneer white men. The third stage represents one of the boats on the Schuylkill Canal which was opened in the year 1818. The next stage represents mechanical transportation, "The Rocket". This, the first steam locomotive to pass through Reading in 1838, is taken from a photograph of the locomotive which is still preserved by the Reading Company. It is shown at the corner of Seventh and Penn, among buildings of that time, from actual prints of the period. The final stage represents modern transportation and shows in an impressionistic manner the most modern means of rapid travel, with a large modern locomotive, while on the road which parallels the track are shown a number of automobiles. The sky overhead is dotted with airplanes and dirigibles.

The window was designed by Paul G. Kase and executed under his supervision in the studios of J. M. Kase & Company.



At the extreme northwest corner of the corridor is the City Controller's office, adjoining that of the City Accountant. At the southwest corner is the Mayor's office. This room, like the Council Chamber, is in its well-balanced design and artistic furnishings and decoration all that the most fastidious might desire. Going east, next to the Mayor's office is the City Clerk's office, then an unassigned room, Superintendent of Accounts and Finance, office of the Superintendent of Parks and Public Property and the Bureau of Water, general office of the Bureau of Water, Assistant Engineer of Bureau of Water, Engineer of Bureau of Water, City Machinist, Street Cleaning, Fire Alarm Switch Board, Police Operator and Telephone Operator.

THIRD FLOOR

At the extreme northwest corner is the large drafting room, the blue print and the dark rooms. To the south of these are the offices of the Assistant City Engineer and the City Engineer, the Bureau of Real Estate Registry, Bureau of Street Permits and Records, Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements, an unassigned room, Plumbing Inspector, Health Officer, Superintendent of Public Safety, Milk and Meat Inspectors, and Bureau of Chemistry.



PANEL IN HISTORIC WINDOW
READING CITY HALL
EARLY CANAL BOAT



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BASEMENT

In the basement is located the Turnkey's office, Cell Rooms, Juvenile Delinquent Rooms, Court Room No. 1, Police Lobby and Locker Room, Boiler Room, Fire Alarm Battery Room, Plumbing School, Inspector of Weights and Measures' office, City Electrician's office, Playground and Recreation Store and Supply Headquarters, Main Electric Switch Board Room, six large storage rooms.

In all there are 65 office rooms available and 10 rooms that are designated by such names as Council Chamber, Court Rooms, Mayor's office, etc.

TRANSFORMATION

To bring about this wonderful transformation from the old Boys' High School to a modern City Hall required eleven months of labor. The entire old heating and lighting systems were scrapped; and floors, partitions, smoke and air ducts, etc., removed. In fact, the greater part of the inside of the building was either scrapped or changed. In doing this work the City acted as its own contractor, and by resolution designated one of its members to superintend the work. Plans were prepared under the direction and according to the ideas of Councilman James H. Maurer, who in addition gave constant supervision to the work during the whole of its progress.

Supervising Director,

JAMES H. MAURER

Architect,

ALEXANDER F. SMITH

Foreman,

FRANK FISHER

Reading



Pennsylvania



Reading

in 1839



READING

—its History, Geography, Industry, Etc.

HISTORY. The city of Reading, Pennsylvania, county seat of Berks, as mentioned before, was founded in 1748 by Thomas and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn. It developed rapidly and was incorporated into a city March 16, 1847 (population 12,000).

In the French and Indian Wars which quickly followed its founding, it became a military base for a chain of forts along the Blue Mountains.

During the whole period of the Revolution, Reading was a depot of military supplies, a center of patriotic effort and the site of the camp in which were detained the Hessian prisoners captured at the battle of Trenton. Reading fighting-men who sustained the Patriot cause on every battlefield, earned by their valor and devotion the special praise of Washington.

Pioneer in American Iron Industry—The early industries of Reading had their inception in the manufacture of iron and its products. Reading was the center of a region that was among the very first in America to produce iron, and for nearly a century this region maintained a position of supremacy in that line. As early as the Revolution, this industry was sufficiently well advanced to be able to produce cannon for the patriot army. It was one of the earliest producers of stoves and castings and at the time of the Civil War the shops of Reading were called upon for much of the heavy ordnance used in that conflict.

GEOGRAPHY. *Location*—In Eastern Pennsylvania, 58 miles north of Philadelphia, 126 miles west of New York and 50 miles east of Harrisburg. It is situated in latitude 40° 20' N., and longitude 75° 55' W. It is the county seat of Berks.

Elevation—242 feet to 1,100 feet above sea level. *Area*—6,090 acres (9 square miles) 7½ acres of water.

Climate—For the winter months (October to February, inclusive) the average temperature is normally 40 degrees. The summer months (March to September, inclusive) is 62.2 degrees. Annual precipitation 43 inches, well distributed throughout the year. Prevailing winds, northwest.

POPULATION. Reading's population is 117,500 as of July 1, 1929. *Character*: Native white, 105,529; foreign-born white, 10,976; Negro, 985; Chinese, Japanese, etc., 10. *Families*, 26,202. *Dwellings*, 23,759 (46.6% owned by occupants; 53.4% rented). Seventh city in United States in home ownership.



TRANSPORTATION. Steam Railroads—Reading Company System, Pennsylvania Railroad.

Electric Lines (Passenger and Express) Direct to Boyertown, connecting for Pottstown, Norristown and Philadelphia. Direct to Allentown, with connections to Nazareth, Slatington, Bethlehem, Easton and Phillipsburg, N. J., and via Quakertown to Philadelphia. Direct to Adamstown, with connections for Lancaster and Columbia. Also lines running to Womelsdorf.

Inter-City Bus Lines—To Hamburg, Pottstown, West Chester and Wilmington; Bernville, New York City; Chicago; Baltimore.

Motor Truck Lines—Daily service to New York, Philadelphia and other points.

Airport—Whander Field, on Pottsville Pike, six miles north of city.

Reading is located on the direct Pittsburgh to New York freight and passenger air line operated by Reading Airways, Inc.

State Highways—William Penn Highway, Benjamin Franklin Highway, Black Bear Trail, Pike's Peak, Ocean to Ocean Highway, Lancaster Pike (U. S. Route 148), and Pottsville Pike (U. S. Route 160) with network of paved roads throughout county.



MOTHER'S TREE AT LAKE ANTIETAM WATER SHED



MUNICIPAL. Government—Commission form, Mayor, four councilmen and usual municipal official personnel.

Assessed Valuation—\$169,000,000. Estimated at 60% of the true value.

Tax Rate—City, 10 mills; school, 12 mills; State and county, 5 mills—1929.

Health—City Health Officer, Health Inspector, five hospitals and four dispensaries, including Tuberculosis, Genito-Urinary and Dental. Red Cross Service, Visiting Nurse Association, Sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis, mental health clinic, modern public comfort stations, and 150 miles of house and storm sewers.

EDUCATION. Public School System, recognized by educators as one of the most progressive and efficient in the United States.

Colleges—Albright College is Reading's foremost institution of learning. Extension branches of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and Engineering Department, Pennsylvania State College, are also located here.

Many private schools offer additional educational opportunities.

Public Museum and Art Gallery ranking among the best in the United States.

Carnegie Public Library—Over 60,000 volumes listed, with sub-stations in the city.

Historical Society maintains a fine building, exhibiting a wonderful collection of relics of historic interest.

RECREATION. Amusements—Carsonia Park, a popular resort; International League baseball, college football, etc. Crystal and Onyx caves, natural wonders, are near Reading.

Mountain Resorts—Within easy reach are many resorts of national reputation.

The Pagoda on Mt. Penn is a unique structure, splendidly situated.

Streams—Schuylkill, Tulpehocken and Maiden creek are noted for bathing, boating and camping.

Theatres—20 theatres and moving picture houses.

INDUSTRY. Reading is the home of the largest plants in the world producing full-fashioned hosiery machinery, single-thread lace machinery, high-grade alloy steel, glove silk underwear, full-fashioned hosiery, Holland window shades, small steel castings, menthol cough drops, heat-treated automobile frames, wrought iron pipe, goggles, children's shoes, glass door knobs, narrow fabrics and optical goods, the largest foundry under one roof in the United States, the largest brick-burning kiln in the country, and the Reading Railroad locomotive and car shops.

Reading is America's second largest center of hosiery and builders' hardware.

Fuel—The city's location is only a few miles from the largest coal fields in the world.



Sub-Contractors

and employees who worked on remodeling
contract at New City Hall

Bricklaying Contractors

W. H. & M. H. ESHBACH
Reading, Pa.

Bricklayers

H. Springer	W. Borkert
Foreman	R. Ludwig
E. Eshbach	C. Weiss
G. Haggerty	E. Enoch
H. Zweizig	H. Sonnor
A. Kulp	G. Fleishoot
J. Ramer	R. Sands
A. Leh	J. Wood
W. Hetrick	L. Witmyer
J. Kemp	H. Schaeffer
H. Haas	H. Hartman
L. Ormsbee	J. Enoch

Nate Wood, superintendent of setting
terra cotta cornice.

Bricklayer Apprentices

Wm. Eshbach	C. Eshbach
I. Eshbach	

Hod Carriers

R. Hauger	J. Edwards
C. Hoffman	E. King
A. Garr	E. Penge
W. Jenklins	R. Swoyer
J. Haas	E. Reider
G. Burgess	

Laborers

M. Moyer	H. Connor
G. Eshbach	W. Conner
C. Zimmerman	W. Wann
C. Welder	

Marble Contractor

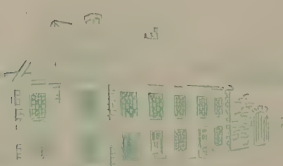
DeTAR MARBLE COMPANY
Reading, Pa.

Mechanics

Kenneth J. Tarves William Muntz

Apprentice

Harry J. Tarves



FIRST JAIL 1752
NORTHEAST CORNER
FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STREET

***Mechanics' Helpers***

George Conrad William DeTurck
Howard Troxel

Tile and Terrazzo Contractor

ROBERT I. DeTURCK
Reading, Pa.

Mechanics

Russel J. Levan Emil Bernardini
Herbert Dinkel John DeMichiel
Oliver Landis

Apprentices

Robert DeTurck, Jr. William Conrad
James Lutz Dario Bernardini

Mechanics' Helpers

Charles Stolz R. DeTorzi
Frank Vittorelli

Cabinet Work

READING CABINET WORKS
Reading, Pa.

Cabinet Makers

C. A. Reinert Thomas Kalbach
Andrew Woerle John Bloch

Plastering Contractors

KEGERISE BROS.
Reading, Pa.

Plasterers

S. D. Kegerise G. Laucks
W. Geiger H. Stuber
J. Forred H. Shade
E. M. Kegerise L. Hart
E. E. Kegerise E. Hart
J. Krick W. Stuber
W. Acker R. White
R. Stuber

Hod Carriers

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C. Livenhouse H. Faust

Laborers

J. Lucas W. Long
W. Wilson W. Scales
M. Mitchell G. Derry
W. Barto

Lathers

L. Kautz S. Esterline
G. Kautz H. Brubaker
J. Schaeffer H. Adams
L. Rohrbach L. Wentzel

Painting and Decorating

READING DECORATING CO.
Reading, Pa.

Painters

Frank J. Sosh Harvey Keller
Foreman George Frede Horst
Weiner W. Kuraez George N. Stofonich
Michael Yesnochen Samuel Miller
James Clyde Grose Howard Wolff
Adam Neider Harold M. Seibert
Edward P. Helfrich Thomas C. Vogel
Raymond Liggett Robert J. Sholley
Andrew Bordic James Burrowes
Charles H. Fasig Donald Seidel
Henry R. Baker Charles Kleinfelter
Horace J. Wickel John Klusewitz

Sand Blasting and Brick Cleaning

EDMOND B. EPP
Reading, Pa.

Mechanics

James Keating Herman Epp
Joseph Keating

Steam Heating Contractor

W. A. HECKMAN'S SONS
Reading, Pa.

Geo. A. Heckman, Clarence W. Heckman

Steam Fitters

Lew Benns Claude Egolf
Foreman Paul Essig

**Plumber**

Charles Maurer

Helpers

George Eyrich M. Swavely
Robert W. Heckman

Decorator

Geo. W. Heckman

Apprentice

Richard A. Heckman

Plumbing Contractors

CORBIT BROS.
Reading, Pa.

Mechanics

George P. Goodman S. L. Evans
Charles Huber Robert Glass
Thomas Walters

Mechanics' Helpers

Russell A. Sands Spencer Evans
Charles Johnston Joseph Seaman
William Kite

Steeple Jack

ELMER C. WOLFSKILL
Reading, Pa.

Cleaning Hardwood Floors

ALBERT N. HAAS
Reading, Pa.

Mechanics

Raymond Meinholz Ralph Corrison
Stanley Meinholz John J. Nickolaus
Cameron E. Morrison J. A. Haas
Orville J. Wiegand Jesse A. Hays

Elevator

ATLANTIC ELEVATOR CO.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Erectors

Herbert C. Trout Louis M. Michoux

Helpers

H. C. Ames A. Williams

Chemical Laboratory

ALBERENE STONE COMPANY
New York City

Mechanic

Michael McGrath

Ornamental Plaster Work

ORNAMENTAL PLASTER CO.
514 Spring Street
Reading, Pa.

Pompy Iezzi, Manager

Roofing Contractor

J. K. MOHLER CO.
Ephrata, Pa.



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PENN SQUARE

**General Manager**

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Approved Roofers

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General MechanicsDavid Miller Harry Steely
Adam Lausch Harry Deem**Linoleum and Window Shades**R. W. DUNDORE
Reading, Pa.**Mechanics**Samuel C. Dundore Raymond Rebholz
Justin S. Dundore**Helpers**

Earl Price George Malsberger

Steel Windows and Sheet Metal ProductsJ. S. THORN COMPANY
Philadelphia, Pa.**Mechanics**

John Greenfield Joseph Kiley

Mechanics' Helpers

H. Rohrman Thos. Keenan

Mail ChuteCUTLER MAIL CHUTE COMPANY
Rochester, N. Y.**Erectors**George Foster, Foreman
M. S. McCallum F. Foretich**Lighting Fixtures**Designed, manufactured and installed by
METAL CRAFTSMAN CO.
of New York City
under personal supervision
Theodore Shapiro**Historical Windows**J. M. KASE & CO.
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Assistant Designer, Gertrude Metcalf
Figure Cartoons, Richard Fatigant
Figure Painter, Gustavus C. Widney
Painter, Leon Smith
Painter, Edward Lamson
Painter, Bernard Badura
Lettering, Eugene Kelley
Glass Cutting, Frank Buehrer
Glass Cutting, Thos. Sheehan
Lead Glazing, Leroy Kelley
Foreman of Installation Crew,
Anthony Buser**Hauling Contractors**Joseph S. Adams Fred Maurer
Milton D. Bobst**Structural Steel, Ornamental Iron, Brass and Bronze Work**PROGRESSIVE IRON WORKS
Reading, Pa.

Superintendent, August C. Loehrig, Jr.

MechanicsEdwin Koch Russell Moyer
Jacob Kirschman**Draftsmen**Raymond Hardinger John Hoffman
Quenten Weidner Charles Ruth**Metal Radiator Enclosures**GEISSLER BROS.
Reading, Pa.**Terra Cotta Cornice**ATLANTIC TERRA COTTA CO.
Philadelphia, Pa.



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INDIANA FLOORING COMPANY
New York City

Mechanic

Frederick Lindblad

Lumber and Mill Work

NORTHEASTERN LUMBER CO.
Reading, Pa.

SHILLINGTON HEIGHTS
BUILDING YARDS
Reading, Pa.

Vault Doors

YORK SAFE & LOCK COMPANY
York, Pa.

Metal Doors

JOSEPH URBAN SHEET METAL
WORKS
Reading, Pa.
Foreman, John Hartman

Mechanics

Lester Brumbach Claude Lenhart

Electrical Contractor

READING ELECTRIC COMPANY
Reading, Pa.

Electricians

Thos. R. Lawrence	Reno Buger
Ray Seltzer	George Anspach
Thos. McDevitt	Edgar Leibold
Clarence Weaver	Arthur Buckwalter
Samuel Augustine	Milton Popp
John Bear	Harry Shultz

Structural Iron Workers

James Bossler	Clinton Heck
Calvin Goodhart	Phillip Schramm
Clayton Hain	Charles Wanner
Robert Raybuck	Isaac Hain
Arthur Button	Wm. H. Denny
Albert Koepp	James McDonald
Joseph Tracy	Wm. Denny, Jr.

Hardware

READING HARDWARE COMPANY
Reading, Pa.



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HALTING PLACE OF
GEORGE WASHINGTON



Fire Alarm Central Station Equip-
ment, Police Signal Equipment, Underground
Cable, Laterals, Pedestals, Alarm Boxes, Etc.

THE GAMEWELL COMPANY
Newton Upper Falls, Mass.

Gold Leaf Lettering
ARTCRAFT STUDIO
Reading, Pa.

**Furniture and Rugs for Council
Chamber and Mayor's Office**

GIMBEL BROS.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Office Furniture
HELLER BINDERY
Reading, Pa.

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Reading, Pa.

H. C. SHAABER
Reading, Pa.

LIT BROS.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Interior Decorator
JAMES L. HAFER
Reading, Pa.

Carver
Olaf Wallin

Flag and Flag Pole Decorations

Through the courtesy of
ISAAC RAMBO
Sixth and Washington Streets
Reading, Pa.

Carpenters

Frank Fisher	Wm. Rutter, Jr.
Foreman	Albert Blessing
Henry Drumm	Ernest Schwemer
John Lueken	Thomas Bossler
William Hart	Alsons Werte
Charles Freida	Frank Huber
Wm. W. Rutter	Newton Herr
John Freida	Thomas Paine

Laborers

Samuel Sands	James Reis
John Nies	George Parker
Howard Bright	Joseph Martin
Gary Lueken	William Clark
Charles Mervine	John Saylor
Russel Hoverter	Thomas Furrell
Harrison Wickel	Hiram Heist
Albert Rogers	William Kessler
Thomas Martin	Joseph Lucus
Charles Ringler	Henry Hartman
Howard McDonough	James Smith
Harvey Litch	Walter Conner
Cyrus Reifsnnyder	Herman Conner
Edwin Chalfant	George Seltzer
Eugene Shaffer	Fred Fritchey
Harry Steffy	William Minnis
James Roslin	Mahlon Meck
Leroy Madara	Joseph Gabbler
Walter Brown	Robert Hanger
Cuseppi Lapi	Edwin Finkbone
Stanley Golskinski	William George
Walter Belles	Fred Schussler
Harvey Bowers	Otto Sattler
Edwin Eisenhower	Charles Shaffer
Clarence Bouchat	Edwin Templin
Horace Kinsey	Henry Leas
Stanley Shultz	Dill Wesner
William Lascomb	William Rutter
Clyde Eisenhower	Charles Nies



The Program



WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1929

DEDICATION NIGHT



EUGENE F. HENDRICKS, *Chairman*
President of the School Board

MUSICAL SELECTIONS FURNISHED BY
EARL BOYER'S ORCHESTRA

VOCAL SELECTIONS—7.30-8.00 P. M.

"Unfold, Ye Portals".....*Charles Gounod*
"Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah".....*Handel*
"Glorious Is Thy Name".....*Mozart*

Rendered by

THE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHORUS
J. A. HECK, *Director*

REMARKS

J. HENRY STUMP, *Mayor*
JACOB H. McCONNELL, *Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements*
WM. J. SMITH, *Superintendent of Public Safety*

FORMAL DELIVERY OF BUILDING

JAMES H. MAURER, *Superintendent of Accounts and Finance*

ACCEPTANCE

GEORGE W. SNYDER, *Superintendent of Parks and Public Property*

HISTORICAL READING

J. BENNETT NOLAN

ADDRESS

GEORGE M. JONES



THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1929

EMPLOYEES' NIGHT



HON. J. HENRY STUMP, *Chairman*
Mayor of City of Reading

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JAMES H. MAURER, *Superintendent of Accounts and Finance*
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WM. J. SMITH, *Superintendent of Public Safety*
GEORGE W. SNYDER, *Superintendent of Parks and Public Property*
E. CLINTON WEBER, *City Engineer*



FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1929

CIVIC NIGHT



ANDREW P. BOWER, *Chairman*
Secretary-Treasurer Federated Trades Council

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REMARKS

WALTER R. HOLLINGER, *City Controller*
CHARLES H. KERSHNER, *City Treasurer*
JOHN G. ROTHERMEL, *City Solicitor*
J. ARTHUR GLASSMOYER, *City Clerk*
ANTHONY R. O'REILLY, *Chief Engineer, Bureau of Water*
FRED. H. LUDWIG, *President, Visiting Nurse Association*
DR. IRA J. HAIN, *City Health Officer*
EARL E. ROMBERGER, *City Meat and Milk Inspector*
THOMAS W. LANTZ, *Superintendent, Recreation Department*
A. D. KEATOR, *Librarian, Reading Public Library*
DR. FREDERICK WILLSON, *Member of City Planning Commission*
JESSE GEORGE, *Chairman of Civil Service Board*

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HON. PAUL N. SCHAEFFER, *President Judge*



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